

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 39, and 40 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined and remain in the form previously considered.

The claims were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.126, as being misnumbered. In particular, in the Applicants' submission dated February 28, 2006, claims 39 and 40 were incorrectly numbered using previously used claim numbers 29 and 30. Applicants agree to the Examiner's renumbering of the claims as shown in the above list of the claims and therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

Claims 1-21, 39 and 40 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,879,013. In response, Applicants are submitting a "Terminal Disclaimer Responsive to a Double Patenting Rejection" to obviate the double patenting rejection based on U.S. Pat. No. 6,879,013. In view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this double-patenting rejection.

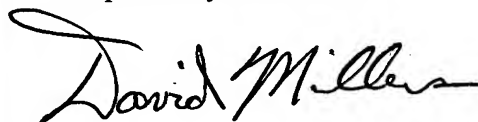
Claims 1-21, 39 and 40 were also provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/631,951. However, Pat. App. No. 10/631,951 issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,888,208. Applicants previously submitted a terminal disclaimer on October 11, 2005 to overcome a double-patenting rejection based on U.S. Pat. No. 6,888,208. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted October 11, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this provisional double-patenting rejection.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration allowance of the application including claims 1-21, 39, and 40.

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